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GOULD, Chester Wallace

Born at Lewiston, 1882.

See WALLACE GOULD.

GOULD, Wallace

Born 1882. Lewiston.

A "Exiled Genius"

To Editors of The Lewiston Journal:

Your "Just Talk" on an "Exiled Genius" was most interesting to me as Chester Wallace Gould is a cousin of mine. He is a nephew of Holman F. Day.

I think you may like to know that he has had one book published since "The Children of the Sun." I cannot recall to mind the title at this moment.

Upon inquiry, I find that Mr. Gould is at present located at Trenton, N. J. He writes at times for The Dial, a new-thought magazine.

(Signed)
FRANCENA DAY SPAULDING.
49 Elm St., Auburn.

March 8, 1923.

Mrs. Francena Day Spaulding

49 Elm Street, Auburn, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Will you kindly furnish me the address of Chester Wallace Gould.

I would also like to know where he was born and the date.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

By MGH

49 Elm St.
Auburn, Maine.

March 23, 1923.

Maine State Library,
State House, Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of the 8th, requesting the address of Chester Wallace Gould.

Mr. Gould is at present at Hollywood, Cal. I cannot give you a definite address, but you might be able to learn of one by writing to The Dial, to which he contributes.

His birthplace is Lewiston, Maine, and he is forty years old. I could not learn the exact date of birth but may be able to do so later, and if so will be pleased to give you that information.

Very truly yours,

Francena Guy Spaulding.

THE DIAL

152 WEST THIRTEENTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE: CHELSEA 6540

March 31, 1923

Maine State Library
State House
Augusta, Maine

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of March 28th, asking for the address of Chester Wallace Gould. We believe that he still can be reached at

Box 283
Farmville, Va.

Hoping that this information will be of some assistance to you, I am

Faithfully yours,

Kenneth Burke

Kenneth Burke
Editorial Department

KB:EW

April 8, 1923

Dear Mr. Gould:

It will interest you to know that I am collecting for the State Library, books written by Maine authors. This collection will constitute a permanent department in the State Library. The books will not be loaned from this collection.

I am sending you a copy of the Library Bulletin for July, 1922, with a marked article referring to this collection.

We hope the new State Library building will have a special room set apart for this collection, and that it will contain facilities for students and be a place of study for former residents and visitors of Maine, who are interested in literary and historical matters.

I am asking each Maine author to send me a presentation copy of each book they have written and so far as possible to write in each book anything that might explain the origin of the book, or any interesting item in connection with it. This will add to the value of the collection as the years pass.

I am meeting with a favorable and generous response from everyone. It will be a great favor if you will co-operate with us in this matter to the extent of preparing and sending a copy of each of your books for this collection.

I will be very glad to pay any expenses in connection with this project.

Please accept my thanks in advance for anything you can do to assist us in making the collection complete. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Henry E. Dunnack,
Librarian.

Mr. Chester Wallace Gould,
Farmville,
Va.
Box 283

Mr. H. E. Dunnack,
State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

It was at least six years ago that you wrote to me in regard to my sending you a copy of whatever poems I then had in book form, that you might place the book in the room devoted to Maine poets.

It was not because of a lack of courtesy that I did not reply, but because at the time I thought that I had given up work for good. I wanted merely to drop out. I possessed such a book, but did not want it placed ------ a book which since then I have tried in every way to suppress or have forgotten.

It was only through urging by Kreymborg and other friends that I resumed work a year or so ago. Only then did I realize that to begin a career at the age of forty-five was much more to the point in my case than to do so at twenty.

6 poems -The work in the Caravan of last year was hurriedly scraped together and was published without sufficient revision, but the work to appear this year in Caravan is my first serious work.

Now, sometime about the middle of October a volume of mine will come out, published by the Macaulay Company, one which I rate as my first volume.

I beg to know if your desire for my work still stands as it did stand. If so, let me know at once, or at your convenience, and I will send you a volume of Aphrodite.

Meantime, if you have a copy of Children of the Sun, will you for my sake withdraw it from the shelves?

Very sincerely yours,

Wallace Gould.

Farmville, Va. Box 283.
August 30, 1928.

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When you write to me, please tell me if there is such a book in the State Library as an account of the Day family in America. I have heard of this book, and am interested, particularly in the search for information concerning the Kennebec branch of the family, to which Holman Day belongs, and of which I am the last member ------ Holman being my blood uncle and I having been adopted by the Goulds.

in this, Notes on various Day ancestors in America Simett

C O P Y

November 16, 1928

Macaulay Company,

257-261 Fourth Avenue,

New York City.

Gentlemen;-

We are informed that a book by Mr. Wallace Gould was to be issued by you sometime in October. Will you please tell us the title of this book, the nature of itm and whether it is now available.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY.

By MCF

The Macaulay Company
Publishers
257-265 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone Gramercy 3405 3406
Cable: CAUMALAY, NEW YORK

November 20th, 1928.

Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.
Attention MCF.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of Nov. 16th, please be advised that on October 14th, 1928 we published a book of poems by Mr. Wallace Gould, the price of which is $2.50. We should be glad to allow you 20% on this.

The title of the work referred to is APHRODITE AND OTHER POEMS.

Thanking you for your kind inquiry, we are,

Very truly yours,

THE MACAULAY COMPANY

RW.BF

November 27, 1928

Wallace Gould
Box 283
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Sir:

We are very glad to know that you have published "Aphrodite and Other Poems." We will be very grateful if you will send us an autographed copy for our Maine Author Collection.

We have withdrawn your "Children of the Sun" from our shelves.

Very truly yours,

HED:ME